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AMVETS Appreciation Day 2006



Grand Avenue Follies

Photo by Neil Remnant

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From the Administrator's Desk ...

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We learned comforting lessons from the wildfire which burned on the other side of the ridge. Not only did Veterans Home staff respond with immediacy and efficiency, emergency services throughout Napa valley demonstrated their speed and coordination. The official alarm was issued from the Command Center in Napa at 8:04 a.m., and our entire staff reported in ready for the emergency at 8:30.

The California Department of Fire (CDF) coordinated area efforts and the list of agencies who worked together is extensive -- all fire departments from towns around us and support groups such as the American Red Cross, Queen of the Valley Hospital, and five area nursing homes, even coordinating medications and bus transportation.

The Veterans Home was never in danger, but our staff treated it as a real emergency and learned a good deal from the experience. Fire actually threatening the Home is extremely unlikely. Our situation would require it



**Marcella McCormack,
Administrator**



to burn downhill, which would be much slower and allow time to get all fire fighting equipment in place. As the last resort, all our major buildings, hospital and residences, are constructed of fire-resistant materials.

While administration and staff continue to review the incident and revise procedures where necessary, residents need to review their own preparedness. Any number of scenarios are possible, and, while employees are trained to put resident and patient care first, it is recommended by federal

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right: CDF helicopter drops water on the fire.





above: CDF helicopter “scoops” up water to fight the fire.

above right: CDF tanker drops fire retardant to stop the spread of the fire.

right: While most emergency preparations were seemingly invisible, the buses parked at the Main Bus Stop parking lot assured us that our safety was foremost in the mind of the staff - had the threat increased we could have been quickly evacuated by bus.



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authorities that all Americans be prepared to survive in case of a sudden emergency. Meinert Toberer, our Health and Safety officer, has reduced these recommendations to a set of plans for you:

1.) Assemble an emergency kit. We should all be able to survive on our own for a minimum of three days. Since the Katrina/Rita disasters, this has been increased to seven days. Your kit should include:

- A change of clothes;
- Blankets and pillows;
- All your medications and testing devices plus a first aid kit;
- Flashlight with spare batteries; and,
- A battery powered radio.

2.) Make a communications plan:

- Tell an out-of-state friend or family member you will call as soon as possible to let them know you are OK;
- Keep a list of emergency numbers near your telephone; and
- Talk to your Residential Care Unit Leader about locating a “safe room” where everyone can gather.



Some Larger helicopters were called in to assist CDF in fighting the wildfire which reportedly was caused by a tree that fell victim to the high winds, snapping three power lines as it fell.

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The CDF helicopter appears dwarfed by the immense amount of smoke rising from the wildfire along the Mayacamas Mountains behind the Veterans Home.

CDF Fire Information Officer Ron Lynch said the fire began at 8 am and was caused by a power line. "We don't know what caused the power line to break or fall or whatever, but we do list it (the cause) as a power line," he said.

In all, 51 fire engines, four air tankers, eight dozers, 10 hand crews, six helicopters and 558 fire personnel from Napa County CDF fire stations -- along with American Canyon, California Department of Corrections and Sonoma County CDF and Lake County CDF firefighters -- were fighting the burn that cost 3.5 million dollars and burned 400 acres.

3.) Learn more about readiness:

Planning helps. Keep valuable papers in zip-lock bags in a safe place. Take pictures of valuables with serial numbers showing where applicable. Finally, remain as calm as possible. Caring for others is a great help. Share what you have learned; encouraging your neighbors is important.

We have already, since the first of the year, experienced flood and fire. Our staff proved themselves capable of coping with both. We can feel secure in their proven ability to handle future emergencies. Let's all be ready to assist wherever we can.



Pink Ribbon Cookies will be available for purchase

Let's Make "Strides" against Breast Cancer

October is

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Veterans Home Relay for Life Team is sponsoring a Poker Walk on Tuesday, October 3rd from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. The Poker Walk starts near Section A and continues along the Alameda.

Entry fee is just \$5 and the best poker hand receives 50% of the entry fees; the remainder is donated to the American Cancer Society.

Come out and join in the fun and support a great cause!

Recall Vote Results

On Wednesday, September 27, 2006, a special balloting was held to determine if David Salopek would be recalled as Chair of the Allied Council. The results are:

For Recall of David Salopek	351
Against Recall of David Salopek	365
Total votes cast	716

These results mean that the Recall failed by 14 votes. David Salopek will remain as Allied Council Chair.

An Extraordinary Tribute AMVETS Appreciation Day 2006

Story by Lou Zauner; photos by Jody Price, Neil Remnant, Lou Zauner



Hospital Residents, Home Members, AMVET Dignitaries, Home Administration, Staff, volunteers and guests packed the Hospital Recreation Area for a grand event Saturday, September 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An outstanding luncheon, served buffet style or served to the guests on flag-decorated tables facing the stage, consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, potato and macaroni salads, baked beans, chips, rolls, cookies plus a choice of beverages – water, sodas, beer and Champagne punch. “Doggy Bags” of apples, bananas and grapes were also given to the attendees.

A special program followed the luncheon. The Veterans Home Honor Guard posted the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Administrator Marcella McCormack. Deputy Administrator Bart Buechner acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Great entertainment was provided first by The Veterans Home Dance Band consisting of John Schwennessen, Carl Sullivan and George Berlemier. Following the band was the world-famous Grand Avenue Follies dancers and their magic show featuring Illusionist “Tanaka” who astounded the audience with floating tables, and vast yards of fabric and live pigeons appearing from nowhere.

This special day was held to honor the generous and benevolent work of our AMVET friends, who make enormous contributions for the welfare of veterans and their families and more. Administrator McCormack presented an engraved clock as a “thank you” gift from the Veterans Home Media Program and Public Information Office to the members of the AMVETS



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Joseph Kolano, Director AMVETS Service Foundation, and Marcella McCormack, Home Administrator.

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Service Foundation. Joseph Kolano, Director AMVETS Service Foundation, then presented Home Administrator McCormack with a \$10,000 donation for the Home. In a previous statement, Administrator McCormack said, "The history of the California Veterans Home in Yountville has been one of close calls. Frequently, budget cuts have put valuable programs and services into jeopardy leaving the administration to scramble for resources. One steadfast ally through difficult times has been AMVETS."

Following are just a few of the many benevolent endeavors undertaken by AMVETS:

- furnish needed school supplies and clothing for the children of Homeless vets.
- 250,000 hours of volunteer assistance (in one year) is given to provide scholarships and community programs ranging from Special Olympics and ROTC to scouting and organ-donor projects.
- supports KVET TV station
- supports the Grapevine newsletter
- supports videotaping oral histories of Home Members for their families and the Library of Congress and
- supports the Veterans Home Computer School.

The gratitude and appreciation for AMVETS should be as generous as their enormous contributions. Thank you all Members of AMVETS for your endless service and always being there for veterans and their families.

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Grant Avenue Follies

Originally composed of four former professional nightclub dancers from the fifties and sixties, coming out of retirement to dance for the joy and freedom of movement and Doctor's orders to exercise for a healthier body.

Dance classes led to Dance Recitals and requests by Senior Day Care Facilities for entertainment. Now the group has twelve members, including one male dancer who was formerly the costume designer for the famed Forbidden City Nightclub. One of the ladies is a retired Dentist, another is a retired Middle School Principle. The Singer/Dancer is still a practicing Attorney.

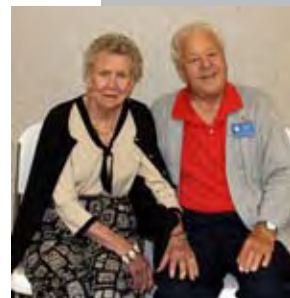
Since the group formed three years ago they have performed at many Senior Facilities. In fact, Cynthia (Empress) Yee was recently awarded the Jefferson Award for her work in organizing the group to perform at so many Senior Facilities.



Tamaka and the Empress



left: Veterans Home Media Team members Jody Price, Public Information Officer, and Wes McGirr from KVET TV



right: Veterans Home Media Team Member Lou Zauner from the Grapevine and Maedena Gerken



right: Del Benton, AMVETS State Commander; Neil Remnant, Post 101 Commander and member of the Veterans Home Media Team; Joseph Kolano, Director AMVETS Service Foundation; Bart Buechner, Home Deputy Administrator; Dick Hum, Past Post 101 Commander and member of the Veterans Home Media Team.





West Coast Sports Jamboree celebrates Anniversary 22

*Story by Lou Zauner; photos by Lou Zauner,
Glenn Nock*

On Friday and Saturday, September 15th and 16th, The AT&T (SBC) Pioneers hosted their 22nd annual Sports Jamboree for visually and physically impaired children and adults. Sports included horseshoes, archery, 40-yard dash, obstacle course, ring toss, basketball toss and Frisbee toss.

Friday's games are dedicated to our Veterans and Hospital Residents and Home Members signed on to engage in the competition. The events, from "Participant Sign-In" at 8:30 a.m. to "Games-end and Award Presentations" at 3 p.m., were held at the Veterans Home Main Picnic Grounds. Approximately 150 Home Members, Staff, volunteers and guests attended the event

Nearly 50 volunteers from the Pioneers were busy greeting the contestants and guests, organizing the "teams" with sign-ups and distinguishing team "bibs" of eight different colors, and serving orange juice, coffee, donuts and bagels. A Parade and Opening Ceremonies preceded the competitive events. Lunch was served while the blustery wind rearranged the bags-full of turkey sandwiches, chips and bananas. Water and sodas were also available for the thirsty crowd

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The competition was very successful with all contestants winning! Each received a khaki-clad, talking teddy bear that delivers a poignant patriotic message, a West Coast Sports Jamboree T-shirt, and a gold medal.

The Pioneers Northern California Chapters Golden Bear and Golden Gate, active and retired, along with their partners, families and friends made this event possible. The primary goal of the Pioneers is to ensure that participants maintain their interest in athletic activity. Their secondary goal is to stimulate public awareness of available equipment, current possibilities and the support network ready to assist physically challenged individuals in pursuit of reaching their own potential.

On Saturday September 16, the Pioneers hosted the second part of the West Coast Sports Jamboree by bringing 30 visually and physically challenged youth to the Veterans Home Grounds to participate in the sports events provided to the Home Members.

What a remarkable program that merits a proud salute for the generous concern of the AT&T Pioneers.



Each Participant received wonderful gifts - Cheryl Carman holding the talking bear, Jeff Sites holding the gold medal, Bill Sites holding the T-shirt.

VA "Retro Pay" Begins

Approximately 133,000 will begin receiving lump-sum back payments begun by two programs enacted since 2003. These "catch-up" payments will vary in size from several hundred dollars up to \$10,000 or more, the average payment estimated at \$3700.

Almost all retirees in line for the back pay served 20 or more years and all have disabilities that made them eligible for Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) or Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC). The retirees will see the payments deposited electronically in their bank accounts by either the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), or by both.

"Our target is to get the majority of the [back pay] population done within six months," said Shine. "But we also recognize that, because some of these cases are just a lot more difficult and involved, it could take as much as 12 months to get all payments completely satisfied."

Retirees need not apply to receive these payments and a "VA Retro Award hotline" has been set up to field questions from CRSC and CRDP recipients who believe they might qualify. That toll free number is 1-877-327-4457.

The Lighter Side ...

By Lou Zauner

"I Need A Book Deal!"

With all the publicity about past unsolved mysteries, it appears the time has come to give up "who dunnits" books and cash-in on the "I didits." After all, my Social Security is being stretched thin with gas prices and all, and the lottery has failed me; so, I am about to embark on a new venture of "Confess – and write a book!"

My first idea (and, please, give me any help you can,) is to declare I BURIED JIMMY HOFFA! Well, it wasn't exactly that I buried him. A piece of concrete fell on his head and pushed him into the ground but ... would you believe it? ... I was there! This happened in, of all places, the State of Maine, so I figure I can get extradited there via Business Class flight and dine on my favorites – Maine lobster and vodka martinis.

If this doesn't grab you, how about: I FOUND AMELIA EARHART! Snorkling off the coast of Kuai, I discovered a small but secret island (which, by the way, is for sale ... along with the Brooklyn Bridge), and after all these years found her managing an indigenous group of baboons who had organized a co-op. This should bring a classy plane trip back to Hawaii sipping Mai Tai and munching Sauteed Mahi-Mahi.

Don't like that one? O.K. This is the winner. IN A FORMER LIFE, I WAS JACK THE RIPPER! Now being somewhat familiar with London's East-end, and having taken a walking tour of the area in which he practiced his macabre bobby, it could fly. And then I could fly (First Class?) back to somewhere in Great Britain to finally solve the centuries-old mystery. Dining on ale and kidney pie? ... Let's forget it. I was never that fond of English cooking.

25 Years! Congratulations!

The Employee Recognition Reception for employees who have served 25+ years of State Service will be held on Wednesday, October 18 in Grant Hall. It will begin at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Cake and punch will be served.

The following employees will be honored:

Linda Gagne	Administration	Mildred Anderson	Medical Records
Carolyn Clark	Social Services	Lynn Kassab	Human Resources
Daniel Binner	Social Services	Leslie Doukmak	Nursing
Carlos Robles	Sanitation	Shirley Richardson	Nursing
Andy Ellicock	Plant Operations	Jean McNeil	Nursing
Lynn Johnson	Accounting	Brenda Jordan	Nursing
Coleen Crowther	Accounting	Magdalena Bell	Nursing



Good Readin'

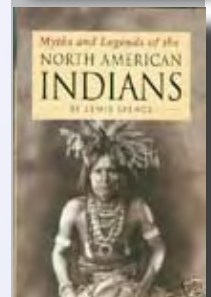
"The Song Dog"

Just a couple of days ago, I had a close call. I was meandering by Borman Field when a coyote trotted across my path, heading up the hill. He didn't even look my way. So why was it a close call? According to Navajo legend, if a coyote runs across your path heading east, you're in for bad luck. But, if he's heading west, good fortune will come your way. (Feel free to drop toys and treats for me in the library.) I decided to find out more about my cousins whom Native Americans call "The Song Dog." The first thing I learned is that he is not "a coyote" or "the coyote," he is simply Coyote as befits his status.

Recently, PBS rebroadcast *Coyote Waits*, adapted from Tony Hillerman's mystery novel. Although the brooding presence of Coyote hangs over the whole tale, his symbolism is never fully explained. I turned to non-fiction in Lincoln Library and found out why. Native Americans were almost obsessed with Coyote, and he had a paw in practically everything. In *The Myths of the North American Indians* by Lewis Spence, we see the contrast here on the west coast: Chinooks to the north thought him totally benign; Maidu and other tribes to the south considered him cunning and destructive. Most tribes called him "The Trickster," and he was capable of almost anything.

Before I tell you my favorite Coyote story, let's look at a book of fascinating facts. *Wildness is All Around Us* by Eugene Kinkead tells us that, since the coming of Europeans to America, Coyote has been subjected to "the most intensive persecution ever visited on any animal in this country, or, perhaps, the world." What has been the result? Not only has Coyote kept his numbers stable, his kind has radiated out from the West until they are to be found in every state of the union except Hawaii. His intelligence and adaptability have let him thrive despite the white man's efforts to eradicate him. Want to meet him? Just stroll to the perimeter of the grounds, sit down and wait. He's likely to pass by and, if you are luckier than me, he may honor you with a glance.

You have been patient; you deserve my favorite Coyote tale, this one from the Cochiti Pueblo tribe. "Our Mother selected a human being to take a jar of stars, hang them in the sky, and name them all. The human was officiously counting out stars and hanging them in neat little patterns. Coyote, standing by, grew bored and impatient. When the human stood back to admire his work, Coyote grabbed the jar and flung it against the sky. Think of him whenever you look up at the Milky Way."





2006 VetFund Veterans Day Golf Tournament



The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) is once again holding their Annual VetFund Veterans Day Golf Tournament. The VetFund Tournament is a Veterans Day event and will be held on Friday, November 10th, at the Mather Golf Club, located at the Mather Air Field in Sacramento.

The Tournament will have a shotgun start at 11:30 am, with registration at 10:00 am, and a putting contest and brunch starting at 10:30 am. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, brunch and a day of fun. Everyone who supports veterans is invited to participate.

“Everyone who participated had a great time last year,” stated CDVA Secretary Tom Johnson. “More importantly, the VetFund Golf Tournament is a Veterans Day event where anyone can get involved and give.”

The VetFund, which was launched by CDVA Secretary Tom Johnson, provides funding for special projects of CDVA. These projects range from repairs to veterans memorials and supporting programs for homeless veterans, to assisting the Department in providing education and outreach to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

“California Veterans have many needs,” Johnson continued, “and we believe the public will be willing to assist us in providing for them. Donating to the VetFund offers every Californian an opportunity to give back to our veterans.”

For details regarding sponsorship packages or registration, please contact Roz Jaurequi at 916-503-8095. For further information on how to get involved in the VetFund fundraising program, please contact Ron Brand at 916-503-8094.



Suscol Intertribal Council Pow-Wow

September 30th and October 1st
11 am to dusk



It is a time to celebrate life, to share with all people the rich culture of Native Americans, the food, arts, crafts, songs and dances of this regions first people. So please bring family, friends and co-workers. The event is free to come and go throughout the day as you wish. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. There will be food and crafts for sale.

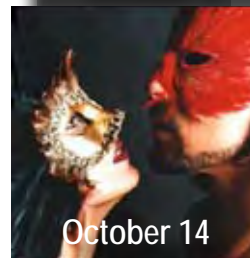
It is asked you come in a respectful way, no drugs or alcohol is permitted at the event. The master of ceremonies will be explaining things throughout the weekend.

October Performances

- Friday, October 6 7:00 PM** **When Art is in the Air with Mark Nizer** Mark Nizer is one of the greatest entertainment comedians and jugglers performing today. Don't miss the combination of original comedy, world class juggling, movement, music and technology that promises a spellbinding evening that's fun for the whole family! Mark Nizer's talents have taken first place in the International Juggling Championship, he's been Comedy Entertainer of the Year and the critics concur! Performance Magazine calls his show "Nothing less than brilliant!" "One of the best", says the Los Angeles Times, and Variety calls him a "standout."
- Saturday, October 14 8:00 PM** **Miriam Larici & Hugo Patyn's Tango and Fire – Historias de Amor** Music, dance and theatrical expressions of the Tango make Tango and Fire a spellbinding performance. Featuring Broadway stars Miriam Larici, Hugo Patyn and Lisandro Adrover, this production, where exquisite dancers and brilliant musicians become one, has welcomed world-wide audiences to a magically created world of passion, intrigue and seduction.
- Sunday, October 22 3:00 PM** **California Theatre Center Presents: Emperor's New Clothes** Enjoy this delightful Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale about a great Emperor who is so vain that two fake weavers convince him they can create cloth so fine that the foolish cannot see it. The whole empire is taken in, until the charade is revealed when a small child observes the obvious - the Emperor has no clothes - he's in his underwear!!
- Saturday, October 28 8:00 PM** **Yaelisa & Caminos Flamenco** Known as one of the most gifted Flamenco artists of her generation, Yaelisa & the exquisite passion of her Flamenco performances have captured the attention of critics around the world. The Los Angeles Times has called her a "luminary" among flamenco dancers for her extraordinary rhythmic ability, which radiates nothing less than pure emotion infused with sensuality.



October 6



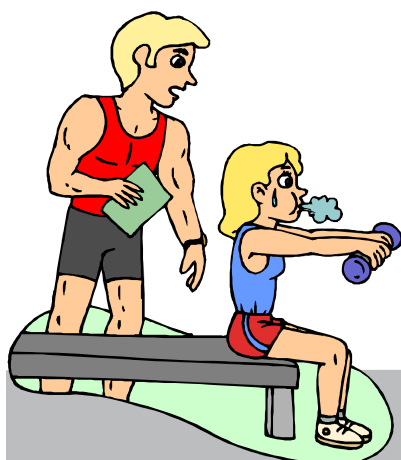
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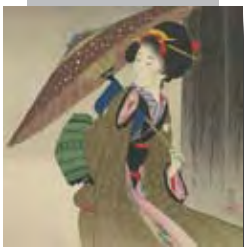
Get healthy, slim and trim with your own personal Exercise Training. Every Tues. and Friday 1:00pm in the Rec Center Fitness Room, fitness trainer, Mike Bonifield will set up an individualized program just for you. Drop In and get going! Call Vickie or Larry at 4900 for more information.

Napa Valley Museum October Programs



Sunday,
October 1
12:00 PM
to Dusk

Friends and Family Day: Yountville Days Parade with NVM Chief Curator Nan Curtis and Associate Educator Pat Alexander. The Napa Valley Museum rides in the world-famous Yountville Days Parade! Look for us as we parade with the rest of Yountville's celebrants from the Veterans Home to Yountville Town Park. After the parade, visit the Napa Valley Museum table in the park and enjoy fun educational activities for children and adults. Free



Thursday,
October 5
12:00 PM
to 1:00 PM

Brown Bag: Japanese Woodblock Prints with NVM Chief Curator Nan Curtis. Japanese woodblock printing dates back to the 1600s. It has had an enormous impact on Western painting and printmaking, especially that of the 19th century. Join Chief Curator Nan Curtis for a mid-day discussion, using examples from the current exhibition, of Japanese woodblock prints and their impact on art and art history. Please bring a bag lunch. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations



Saturday,
October 7
4:30 PM to
6:00 PM

Napa Valley Museum Members-Only Event: Plein Air Paint Out Reception at the White Barn, located at the end of Sulphur Springs Avenue in St. Helena. California plein air painters will be convening at the White Barn in St. Helena to paint landscapes of this fabulous and picturesque locale. Join participating artists at the White Barn for a private reception and viewing of their day's work. You'll gain valuable insight into plein air media and techniques from some of California's leading painters. Free for Members. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations



Saturday,
October 14
2:00 PM to
4:00 PM

Fish Tales: A History of Fishing in the Napa River with Shari Gardner a local biologist, Napa River Watershed Historical Ecology Project Coordinator and member of Friends of the Napa River. Shari will discuss the history of fishing on the Napa River, including her research and an investigation she's conducted of the landscape at the time of European contact, circa 1820. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations



Thursday,
October 19
12:00 PM
to 1:00 PM

Brown Bag: History of Book Illustration with NVM Chief Curator Nan Curtis. Modern book illustration originated in the 15th century and has followed closely the development of printing processes. Join Chief Curator, Nan Curtis, for a mid-day discussion, using examples from the current exhibition, of the various techniques used throughout history to illustrate text. Please bring your lunch. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations



Napa Valley Symphony

Welcome to a Napa Valley Tradition...



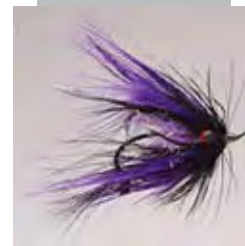
Saturday
October 21
8:00 PM

Wine Country Pops: Wynonna The Napa Valley Symphony is proud to present Wynonna! You won't want to miss this legendary performer in the second concert of the 2006-2007 Napa Valley Pops!

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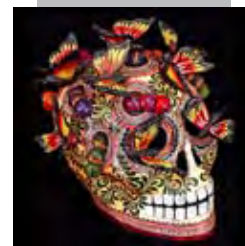
Saturday,
October 21
2:00 PM to
4:00 PM

Fly Tying and Casting Demonstration and Workshop Fly fishermen have for thousands of years been wrapping hooks with wool, fur, feathers and thread to imitate a fish's natural diet and fool the fish into taking the hook. Fly tying is easy to learn and fascinating to watch. Come visit with our panel of fly tyers and fly casters to learn about this age-old art and to try your hand at a few ties. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations



Saturday,
October 28
11:00 AM
to 4:00 PM

Hands-on Arts and Crafts Workshop: Day of the Dead Traditions with Local Recycle Artist Constance Shipman. *Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican tradition that combines Aztec and Roman Catholic practices and beliefs. Observed November 1 and 2, it is a celebration of life and death, when the spirits of recently deceased return to earth for a family fiesta. Drop in and take home a special creation that represents Day of the Dead traditions and history. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations



Yountville Days Parade and Festival October 1, 2006

The parade kicks-off from the California Veterans Home at noon and runs the length of Yountville. The festival celebration continues until dusk in the tree-shaded Yountville Town Park. At the park, enjoy great food, drinks, live entertainment and fun for the whole family. For information, call the Yountville Chamber, (707) 944-0904.



BINGO
and
Vettes

Sunday, October 8 at 1:30 pm

Hospital Rec Area

Sponsored by the
Diablo Valley Corvette Club



Residential Care Special Events

Sign ups at Activities Office open 2 ½ weeks before event.

September

Date	Time	Event	Site	Bus	Signup
30 Sat	8:00 am	Wheelchair Regatta		MBS	Yes
	11:00 am	Pow Wow	MPG		

October

Date	Time	Event	Site	Bus	Signup
1 Sun	11:00 am	Pow Wow	MPG		
	12:00 pm	Yountville Days Parade	Yountville		
3 Tue	10:00 am	Bunch for Lunch		MBS	Yes
6 Fri	8:15 am	SF Ferry/Fleet Week		MBS	Yes
7 Sat	8:00 am	Peddlers Fair	GH		
8 Sun	1:30 pm	Corvette Club Cars & Bingo	HRA		
11 Wed	7:30 am	Senior Games Golf		MDR	Yes
	12:30 pm	Le Melange Academy		MDR	Yes
12 Thu	2:00 pm	Dix Bruce Band	HRA		
14 Sat	9:00 am	Senior Games Horseshoes	MPG		
	9:30 am	Fairfield Mall Shopping		MBS	Yes
	1:00 pm	Senior Games Table Tennis	GH		
15 Sun	7:30 am	Napa Senior Brunch		MBS	Yes
	7:30 am	Senior Games Pool		MDR	Yes
16 Mon	9:00 am	Senior Games Scrabble	GH		
	1:00 pm	Senior Games Cribbage	GH		
17 Tue	9:00 am	Bothe Park/Bale Mill		MBS	Yes
	9:00 am	Senior Games Adapted Bowling	VHL		
	1:00 pm	Senior Games Bowling	VHL		
19 Thu	9:00 am	Senior Games Adapted Bocce	Yountville Park		
	11:30 am	Senior Games Bridge		MBS	Yes
	5:30 pm	Senior Games Bocce	Yountville Park		
20 Fri	5:30 pm	Senior Games Bocce	Yountville Park		
22 Sun	4:30 pm	Senior Games Award Banquet		MBS	Yes
25 Wed	12:30 pm	Le Melange Academy		MDR	Yes
29 Sat	11:00 am	Silverado Dancers	HRA		
31 Tue		Happy Halloween! Activities and locations to be announced			

Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly.

All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability, please check with the Activities Office for the status of a trip.

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; Bor: Borman Field; Chp: Chapel; GH: Grant Hall; GR: Games Room; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; LL: Lee Lounge; LT: Lincoln Theater; MBS: Main Bus Stop; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; SF: San Francisco; TAV: Tavern; VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; VHL: Veterans Home Lanes; XII: Annex II; Ynt: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.



Week 2 (B)
2006

Main Dining Room Menu

October 1 thru 7,

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
B R E A K F A S T	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Sausage Gravy Biscuit	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Cream of Rice Fried Eggs Corned Beef Hash English Muffin	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Omelets Salsa Bacon Toast	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Creamed Chipped Beef W/ Biscuit	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals French Toast w/ syrup Sausage Link	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Fried Eggs w/ Bacon Breakfast Potatoes English Muffins	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Cheese Blintz W/Fruit Compote Sausage
L U N C H	Roast Beef w/Gravy Seasoned French Green Beans Baked Potato W/Sour Cream Bread Boston Cream Pie	Chicken Marsala Seasoned Broccoli Brown Rice Bread Ice Cream	**New Item** Swedish Meatballs Scandinavian Vegetables Buttered Noodles Bread Mandarin Oranges	**New Item** Beef Brisket W/Gravy Scalloped Tomatoes Onion Parmesan Potatoes Bread Pudding	Harvest Feast Winter Squash Soup w/Sour Cream Tarragon Chicken Seasoned Broccoli & Cauliflower Mix Wild Rice Rolls Pecan or Pumpkin Pie	Marinated Beets Crab Cakes W/Tartar Sauce Seasoned Yukon Gold Potatoes Bread Ice Cream	Tossed Salad BBQ Pork Ribs Italian Green Beans Seasoned Corn Bread Rice Pudding
S U P P E R	**New Item** Battered Halibut Glazed Carrots Red Roasted Potatoes Bread Tropical Fruit	Chili with Beans Mixed Vegetables Vegetables Cornbread Tapioca Pudding	Turkey Roast **Seasoned Peas with pimientos** Bread Dressing Bread Chocolate Cake	Hot Dog with all the fixings Coleslaw Baked Beans Chilled Cherries	Minestrone Soup Lasagna Seasoned Spinach French Bread **Baked Apple** new item	French Dip Sandwich w/ Au Jus Mediterranean Vegetables Lemon Meringue Pie	Old Fashioned Beef Stew Peas and Carrots Biscuit Fresh Grapes

Breakfast: 6:30-8:00 **Continental Breakfast: 8:00-9:00** **Lunch: 11:00-1:00** **Supper: 4:00-6:00** **Approved By: Pat Schultz, RD #622918**

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Week 3 (C)

Main Dining Room

October 8 thru 14, 2006

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
B R E A K F A S T	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Malt O Meal	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Cream of Rice	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Cream of Wheat	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Oatmeal	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Grits	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Cream of Wheat	Assorted Juices Assorted Cereals Oatmeal
A L L D A Y	Sausage Gravy W/Biscuit	Fried Eggs Corn Beef Hash	Omelets Salsa Breakfast Potatoes Bacon	Creamed Chipped Beef W/Biscuit	Cinnamon French Toast Assorted Toppings Sausage Links	Fried Eggs Bacon	Omelet Potato Pancakes
S A V O R Y	Milk/Coffee/Tea	Cinnamon Roll Milk/Coffee/Tea	English Muffins Milk/Coffee/Tea	Milk/Coffee/Tea	Milk/Coffee/Tea	English Muffins Milk/Coffee/Tea	Milk/Coffee/Tea
L U N C H	Roast Turkey W/ Gravy Cranberry Sauce Brussels Sprouts Stuffing	Lemon Pepper Fish Green Bean Medley Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream	Salisbury Steak W/ Gravy Seasoned Zucchini Winter Mix Mashed Potatoes	Marinated Mushroom Salad Ham Steak Baked Yams Peas w/pimento	Corned Beef Cabbage, Carrots & Onions Boiled Potatoes	Clam Chowder Seafood Platter W/Lemon French Fries Cole Slaw	BBO Chicken Seasoned Peas Potato salad
H O T D R I N K	Bread Strawberry Shortcake	Bread Ice Cream	Bread Chilled Apricots	Bread Peach Cobbler	Rye Bread Oatmeal Cookies	Bread Ice Cream	* Sweet Potato Pie *
S A V O R Y	Pepper Steak Steamed Rice Broccoli & Cauliflower	Breaded Chicken Breast With or without a Bun Lettuce and Tomato Mixed Vegetables	Pork Chop W/Country Style Gravy Yukon Gold Potatoes Seasoned Greens	Spaghetti w/Italian Meatballs Parmesan Cheese Italian Vegetables	Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Lettuce and Tomato Cucumber and Onion	Polish Sausage W/Sauerkraut Ranch Style Beans Seasoned Spinach	**New Item** Hungarian Goulash Scandinavian Vegetables Brown Rice
P A S T E R I S	Bread Fruit Cocktail	Chilled Peaches	Bread Carrot Cake	Garlic Bread Fresh Grapes	Salad Orange Section	Bread Tropical Fruit	Bread Chilled Cherries

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MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL

Fri, Sep 29 – "Akeelah and the Bee"

This new (2005) film tells the story of a disadvantaged youngster who struggles her way to a national spelling bee. Likeable Keke Palmer stars as the student with Lawrence Fishburn as the teacher in this inspiring, well crafted film. A family friendly movie.

Wed, Oct 4 – "Titanic" part 1

A 1997 romantic story set on the Titanic's ill-fated maiden voyage in 1912. The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Frances Fisher, Bill Paxton, Kathy Bates and Gloria Stewart. A large movie in length and scope. This is a spectacular production which was awarded eleven Oscars, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Visual Effects, Best Music, Best Cinematography, Best Sound and Best Costumes. This movie will be shown in two parts because of its length. ★ ★ ★ ½

Fri, Oct 6 – "Titanic" part 2

Wed, Oct 11 – "Mildred Pierce"

A 1945 Award winning movie starring Joan Crawford, Jack Carson, Zachary Scott, Eve Arden and Ann Blyth. The Story tells of Mildred's climb from a waitress to a successful business woman who loses control of her ungrateful daughter as both compete for the love of the same man. Crawford won a Best Actress Oscar for her performance. ★ ★ ★ ½

Fri, Oct 13 – "The Sentinel"

A new (2005) suspense movie starring Michael Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland, Eva Longoria and Kim Basinger. Douglas plays a Secret Service Agent falsely accused of a plot to kill the president. A tense and well constructed thriller.

Wed, Oct 18 – "The Loved One"

A 1965 humorous, sometimes bizarre satire of Hollywood and the Southern California funeral business. It stars Robert Morse, Jonathan Winters, Rod Steiger, Dana Andrews, Milton Berle, John Gieldgud, Tab Hunter, Margaret Leighton, Roddy McDowell, Liberace and Robert Morley. The movie is based on the Evelyn Waugh novel of the same title. ★ ★ ★

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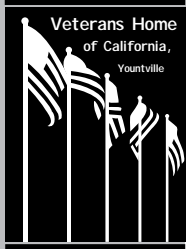
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